

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) congratulated two local high schools for their success in raising money for Darfur. Northfield Mount Hermon School placed first by raising \$15,412, and Lenox High School placed fourth by raising \$10,000. "I am very proud to hear that two local schools placed in the top ten out of 2,000 schools nationwide raising money for Darfur," Olver said. David Rubenstein, Executive Director of the Save Darfur Coalition, said, "Students from all across America are showing their commitment to ending the genocide in Darfur. Northfield Mount Hermon School organizers utilized the school wide email system to educate students and encourage them to raise money. Meanwhile, the genocide in Darfur continues. Today, in Washington DC, Congressman John Olver reintroduced legislation to impose targeted sanctions on Sudan. "On Friday it will be a month since President Bush unveiled his plan to impose targeted sanctions to pressure the Sudanese government to end the genocide. "Despite ongoing negotiations to deploy a 20,000-strong African Union/United Nations peacekeeping force, the situation in Darfur remains desperate. "Progress must be made, and it must be made soon. The situation in Darfur is desperate. We cannot wait. The sanctions would target the government of Sudan, companies owned by the government of Sudan, and Sudanese officials. What began in 2003 as a conflict between the Sudanese government and two major rebel groups, the